

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

JUANITA FISCHER

CASE NO. 2:18-CV-00805

VERSUS

UNASSIGNED DISTRICT JUDGE

WAL-MART STORES INC ET AL

MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

A FRCP 16(b) scheduling conference will be held in the captioned matter by telephone on December 06, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. **Counsel for plaintiff is responsible for initiating a conference call at that time to include all counsel of record (and the office of the Magistrate at 337- 437-3874).**

Prior to the above conference all counsel shall:

- 1) Exchange the initial disclosures required by FRCP 26(a)(1);
- 2) Confer with opposing counsel & submit at least 7 calendar days prior to the scheduling conference, a proposed plan for discovery in accordance with FRCP 26(f).
Electronically file the Rule 26(f) Report with the Clerk of Court;
- 3) Discuss the subjects set out in FRCP 16(c);
- 4) Discuss whether all are willing to consent to trial by the magistrate judge.¹ Any party is free to not consent to the exercise of such jurisdiction by the magistrate judge without adverse substantive consequences. However, **all parties consenting shall indicate their election on the attached form and return it at least 20 days prior to the scheduling conference** to the Clerk of Court, 300 Fannin Street, Suite 1167, Shreveport, LA 71101 or email to: lawdml_consents@lawd.uscourts.gov. **Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge.**

A trial date will be selected at the scheduling conference.

Lake Charles, Louisiana, this 18th day of October, 2018.

BY: Tina Benoit, Deputy in Charge

¹Upon consent of all parties the magistrate judge is available to conduct all proceedings in this matter including, if otherwise available, a civil jury trial. See 28 USC §636(c). In order to protect the voluntariness of consent, the parties are instructed not to discuss such consent during the above scheduled conference with the magistrate judge unless all parties have previously indicated their desire to consent. In the event all parties have so consented counsel should advise the magistrate judge of that fact at the scheduled conference.